

# ARKANSAS

## BROILER HATCHERY



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### ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

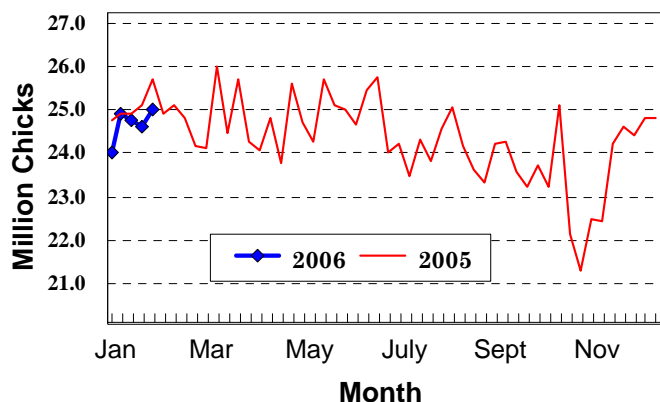
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 25.0 million during the week ending February 4, 2006. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2005, but up 2 percent from the previous week, and included 2.1 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 26.0 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.8 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

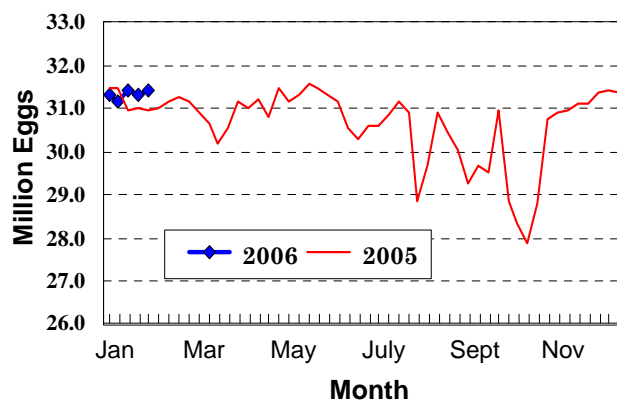
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.4 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending February 4, 2006, up 1 percent from the same period last year, and up slightly from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2004-2005	2005-2006	% of Prev. Year	2004-2005	2005-2006	% of Prev. Year	2004-2005	2005-2006	% of Prev. Year
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Dec. 31	24,256	24,817	102	25,355	25,857	102	31,195	31,393	101
Jan. 7	24,740	24,022	97	25,457	25,956	102	31,479	31,308	99
Jan. 14	24,886	24,910	100	25,873	25,940	100	31,506	31,150	99
Jan. 21	24,907	24,773	99	25,852	26,029	101	30,971	31,443	102
Jan. 28	25,119	24,595	98	26,145	26,054	100	31,023	31,327	101
Feb. 4	25,702	25,000	97	26,367	26,007	99	30,987	31,442	101

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2005-2006



EGGS SET, 2005 - 2006



# **BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2006**

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				% 1/	Week Ending						% 1/
	14-Jan	21-Jan	28-Jan	04-Feb		31-Dec	07-Jan	14-Jan	21-Jan	28-Jan	04-Feb	
Alabama	31,689	31,526	30,946	31,605	105	21,114	21,682	20,882	20,990	21,440	21,731	103
ARKANSAS	31,150 *	31,443	31,327	31,442	101	24,817	24,022	24,910	24,773	24,595	25,000	97
Delaware	3,970	3,781	3,981 *	3,700	94	5,545	6,131	5,909	5,365	5,908 *	5,511	102
Florida	1,343	1,349	1,344	1,344	99	1,457	1,587	1,526	1,429	1,631 *	1,641	109
Georgia	34,046	35,051	34,382 *	34,048	100	26,660	27,421	27,421	27,998	27,047 *	27,321	101
Kentucky	7,262 *	7,466	7,358 *	7,154	101	5,529	6,238	5,754	5,620 *	5,815 *	6,147	98
Louisiana	4,136	4,135	4,136	4,136	104	3,563	4,140	3,733	3,843	3,937 *	3,977	102
Maryland	8,933	8,942	8,912	8,874	100	5,565	4,901	5,354	5,632	4,931	5,618	106
Mississippi	18,583	18,704	18,447	18,188	92	16,663	16,528	16,645	16,502	16,511	16,617	95
N. Carolina	18,442 *	18,214	18,140	18,640	102	15,061	15,434	14,915	15,715	15,465	14,630	101
Oklahoma	6,565	6,690	6,760 *	6,602	102	5,165	5,398	4,784	5,262	5,447	4,452	86
Pennsylvania	3,915	3,983 *	3,971 *	3,789	93	3,087	2,857	2,873	2,958 *	2,949 *	2,875	97
S. Carolina	5,202	5,250	5,367	5,194	101	4,708	4,178	4,752	4,001	4,390	4,570	110
Texas	15,166 *	15,048 *	15,237 *	14,632	97	12,924	12,739	12,829 *	12,804 *	12,936 *	13,067	112
Virginia	6,437	6,385	6,156	6,246	96	5,160	5,418	4,785	5,213	4,990	5,222	108
CA,MD,TN,WV	17,048 *	17,444 *	17,201 *	17,516	98	16,464	16,485 *	16,049 *	16,206 *	16,546 *	15,456	98
Total 2005	213,887 *	215,411 *	213,665 *	213,110		173,482	175,159 *	173,121 *	174,311 *	174,538 *	173,835	
Total 2004	209,544	211,673	212,630	213,234		172,249	173,466	173,733	172,679	171,340	172,928	
% of Prev. Year	102	102	100	100		101	101	100	101	102	101	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						18-Feb	25-Feb	04-Mar	11-Mar	18-Mar	25-Mar	

\* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

## **EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 28, 2006. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## **BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 28, 2006. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through January 28, 2006 were 697 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.